

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
MARCH 6, 2024
HR-2024-017536
SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
600 EAST SIXTH STREET

PROPOSAL

Rehabilitate building; add metal awnings; and add, replace, and repair windows.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

South Elevation: (6th Street) Add a new metal awning. Maintain the corner entry at 6th and Red River and reintroduce glazing on either side of the entry door. Replace the non-original storefront and clerestory windows. Repair and replace the second-level windows as needed.

West Elevation: (Red River Street) Repaint and repair the stucco. The proposed awning wraps the corner to capture the corner entry, reusing existing eyebolts as connection points. Rework the secondary façade by adding new storefront openings along the first floor and adding new windows on the second level.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-part commercial block comprising three original units. The building is clad in masonry at the main elevation, which appears to have been damaged during stucco removal; the secondary elevation still retains its stucco cladding. Fenestration includes replacement storefronts at the first floor, replacement windows at the second floor beneath paired masonry half-arches, and wood windows of varying dimensions at the secondary elevation.

RESEARCH

600-604 East 6th Street first appears on the 1900 Sanborn map as a replacement for a smaller brick building with a single tenant space. It first served as the home of Caldwell-Murchison-Lee, a mercantile and grocery firm. By 1912, the Caldwell Brothers had taken over the grocery business at this location, and the Murchison-Lee mercantile had moved to East 5th Street. After a fire decimated the Murchison-Lee building in 1917, the Caldwells allowed the displaced Trade Union—second-floor tenants—to gather in their space to plan rebuilding. Tenants included a grocer, dry goods, and furniture store until the 1930s, when the Monterey Café, various hardware stores, a billiards club, and the Austin Exterminating Company moved in. By the 1940s, 600 and 602 were occupied by the Austin Auto Supply Company, with the Austin Barber College next door at 604. The Austin Auto Supply Company occupied all three units during the 1950s.

DESIGN STANDARDS

The design standards established by Ordinance No. 20230720-160 ([July 2023](#)) and based on the Citywide Historic Design Standards for properties in the 500 and 600 blocks of East Sixth Street apply. The proposed project was evaluated based on the following applicable standards:

Rehabilitate and adaptively reuse contributing buildings, including at least the first 15 feet of historic facades.

The proposed alterations include the retention of some of the building's historic-age façade, but alters fenestration at the secondary elevation.

Summary

The project somewhat meets the applicable standards. The applicant has amended the design to reflect some staff and Committee feedback.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property is listed as noncontributing to the Sixth Street National Register district, but the 2022 Sixth Street Snapshot resurvey recommends the property as contributing to the Sixth Street National Register Historic District.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. The storefront has been replaced, stonework has been damaged, and secondary elevation fenestration has been altered. The upper floor's fenestration appears to have been altered within the

period of significance.

- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria for landmark designation:
- a.* Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - b.* Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
 - c.* Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d.* Community value. The property does not appear to possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
 - e.* Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

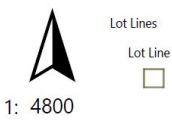
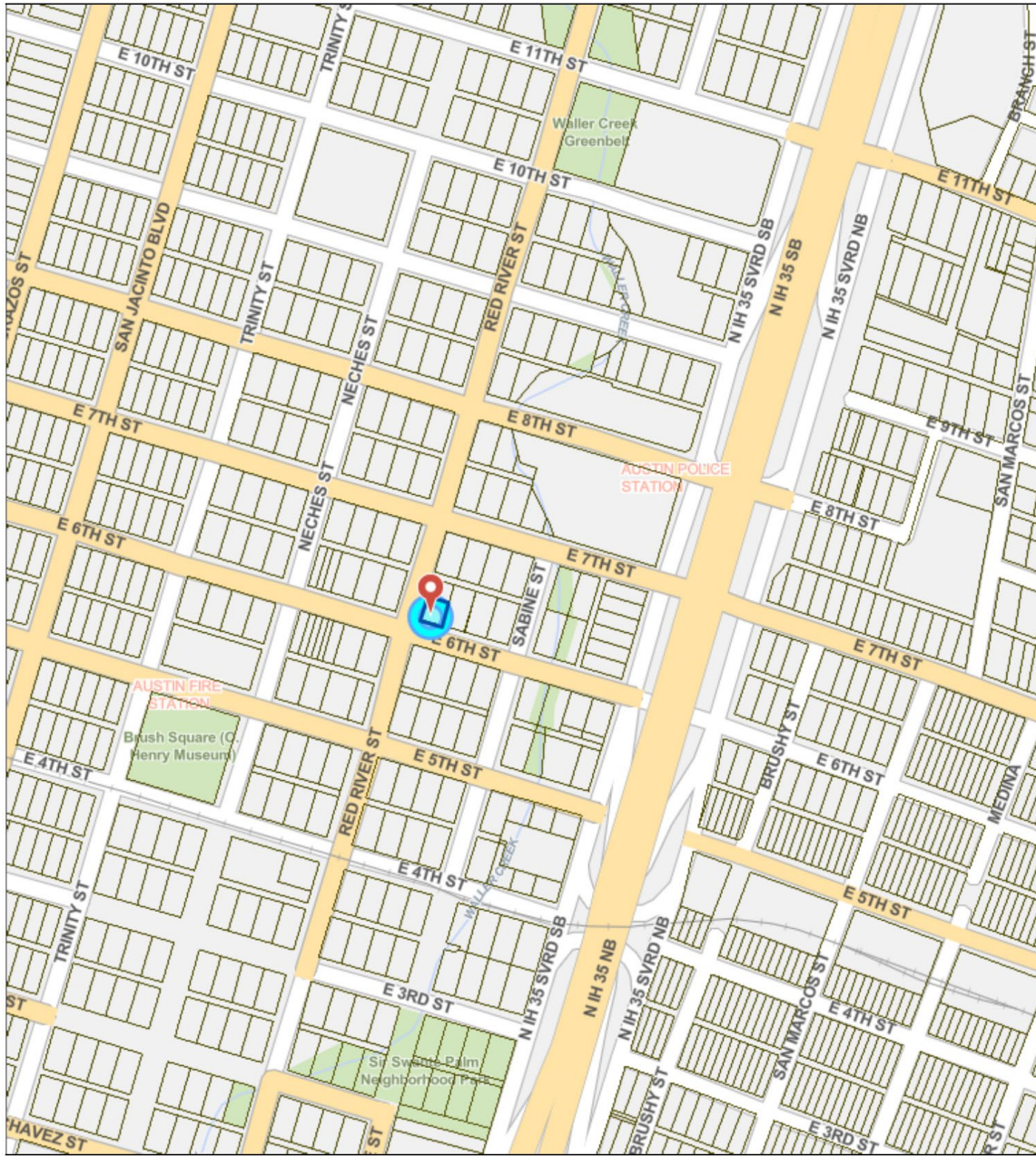
COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Open up the corner only. Restore double-hung windows if original, rather than replacing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Comment on plans.

LOCATION MAP



1: 4800

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600 E 6TH STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos*Google Street View, 2022**MacRostie, Inc. Sixth Street Snapshot Resurvey, 2022*



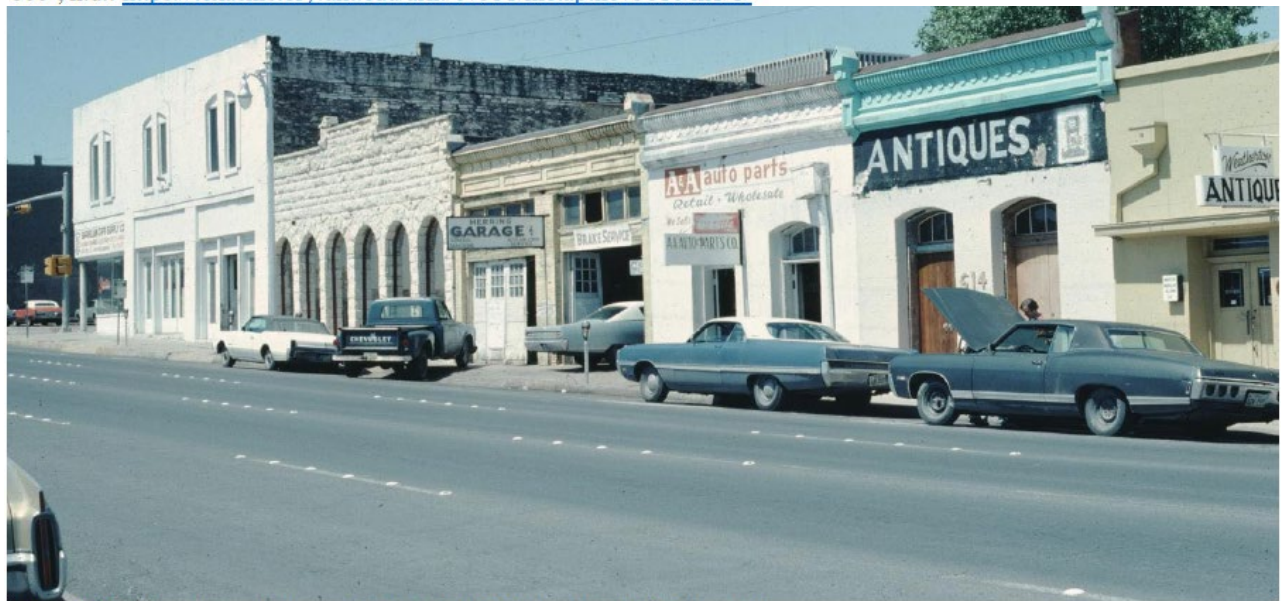
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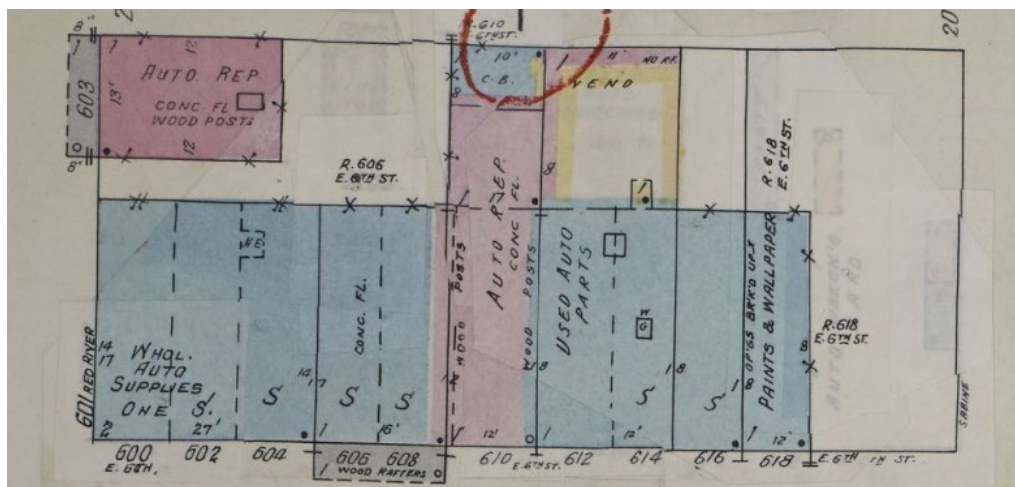
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City Directory Research, May 2022

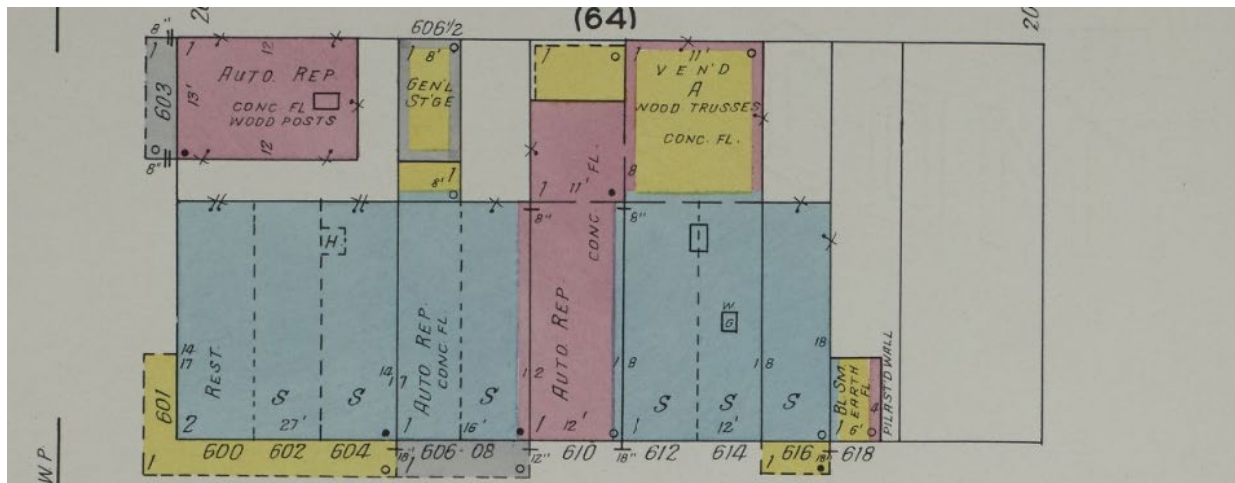
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1957	600-04 E 6 th St: Austin Auto Supply Company
1955	600-04 E 6 th St: Austin Auto Supply Company
1952	600-04 E 6 th St: Austin Auto Supply Company
1949	600-02 E 6 th St: Austin Auto Supply Company 604 E 6 th St: Austin Barber College
1947	600-02 E 6 th St: Austin Auto Supply Company 604 E 6 th St: Austin Barber College

1944	600 E 6 th St: Monterey Café , Austin Exterminating Company 602 E 6 th St: Capitol Club of Austin (billiards) 604 E 6 th St: William W. Stark (2 nd hand hardware)
1941	600: Monterey Café Austin Exterminating Company 602: Capitol Club of Austin (billiards) 604: Henry Barber (hardware)
1939	600 – Monterey Café Austin Exterminating Company 602 – Capitol Club of Austin (billiards) 604 – Henry Barber (hardware)
1937	600-02 – Vacant 604 – Henry Barber (hardware)
1935	600 – Tony & Jim's Café 602 – Vacant 604 – Henry Barber (restaurant)
1932	600-02 – Vacant 604 – Household Furniture Company
1929	600-02 – Austin Auto Accessory Store 604 – Household Furniture Company
1924	600 – Travis Merchant Company (grocery) 602 – Louis Fichtenbaum (dry goods) 604 – Household Furniture Company
1920	600-602 – Vacant 604 – Household Furniture Company
1916	600-02 – Caldwell & Beiger (grocery) 604 – Vacant
1912	600 – W. Thomas Hawkins (furniture) 602-04 – Caldwell Bros (grocers)
1906	600-06 – Caldwell-Murchison-Lee Company

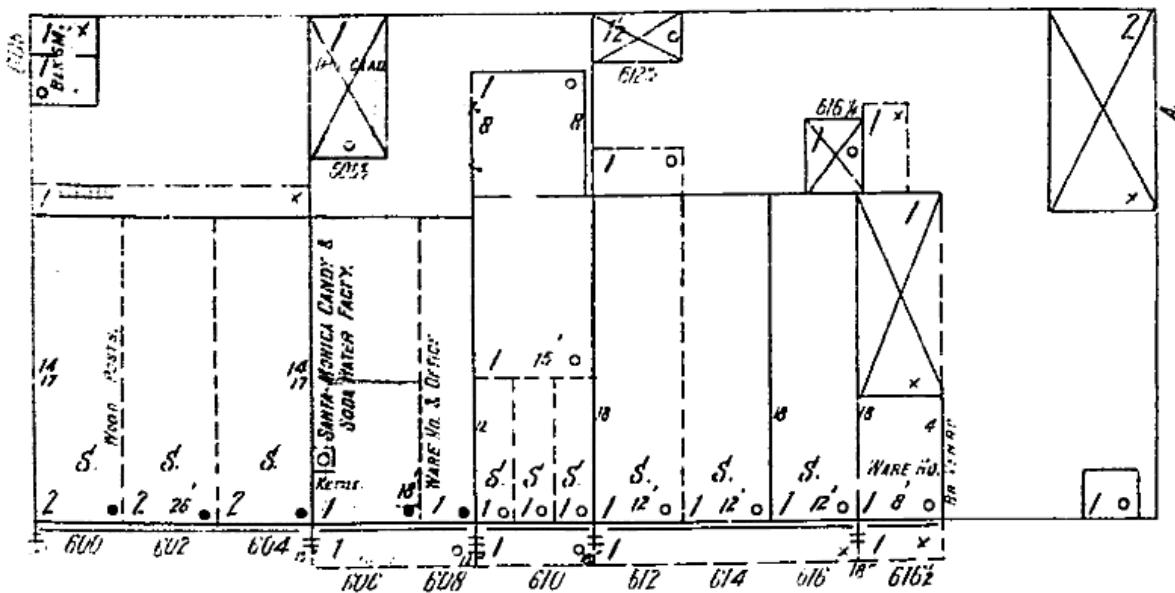
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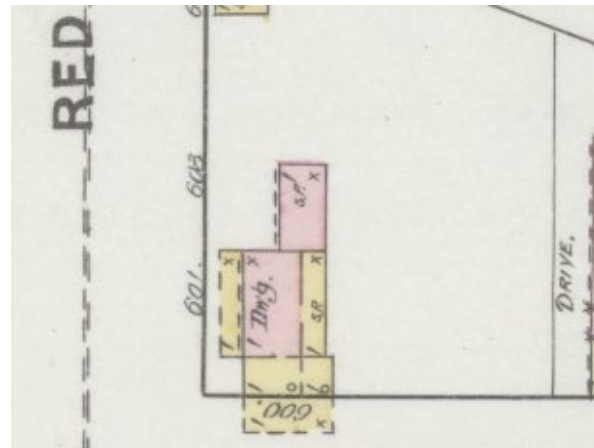
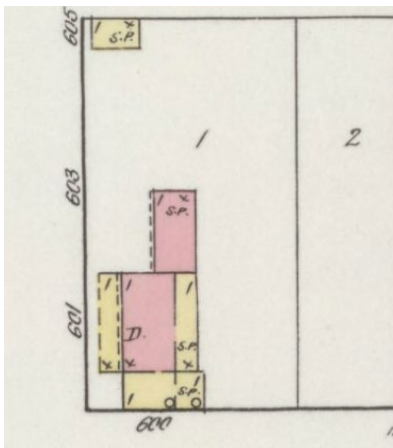
Sanborn map, 1961



Sanborn map, 1935



Sanborn map, 1900



Sanborn map, 1894, 1889

—A runaway horse with a buggy attached was caught and tied at 600 East Sixth street last night. Officer Stamper took them in charge and turned them over to the owner.

—The Young Ladies' Hospital tonight

Austin Daily Statesman (1891-1902); Austin, Tex.. 09 Oct 1900: 2.

Wednesday Special

Eight pounds best lump starch for 25 cents with every cash order.

MURCHISON-LEE CO.
Phones 128.
600 East Sixth Street.

TODAY
\$1.00
WILL BUY

20 pounds best Rice.
10 pounds fancy Evaporated Peaches.
10 pounds choice Evaporated Apples.
8 pounds fancy Evaporated Apricots.
10 pounds 30-40 Prunes.
10 pounds Compound Lard.
6 pounds good Roasted Coffee.
4 one-gallon cans of Apples.
3 dozen fresh Eggs.
One or more of above items with any cash order.

Murchison-Lee Co.
600 E. 6th St. Both Phones 128.
Peace-Maker Flour.

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 11 May 1910: 6.

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 15 Dec 1910: 10.

REMOVAL SALE PRICES

Good Head Rice, per lb.....6c	Club House Catsup, per bottle...30c
6 Spools Coates Thread . 25c	Advertiser A. A. Bleached
Large Peacemaker Flour.....\$1.50	Domestic, yard.....7½c
7 bars Laundry Soap.....35c	6 bars Naphtha Soap.....25c
Premium Hams, per lb.....15c	Compound Lard, per lb.....\$1-30
2-lb. package of Orits.....8c	Cal. Bayou Beans, per lb.....6c
5 gallons Kerosene Oil.....50c	Good Corn, 2 cans for.....15c
2-lb. Tomatoes, per doz.....90c	Package Oatmeal, large.....30c
All 50c buckets Molasses.....40c	

Murchison-Lee Co.
600 EAST SIXTH ST. PHONES 128.

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 17 Jan 1912: 8.

CALDWELL BROS. ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that we have just opened our business, consisting of a new and high-grade stock of staple and fancy groceries, feed, seeds, etc.

We will appreciate a share of your patronage and will guarantee satisfaction.

FREE DELIVERY

Both Phones 223

CALDWELL BROS.

602-604 East Sixth Street.

ECONOMY IN GROCERIES

EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES
ON DEPENDABLE QUALITIES
OF TABLE FOODS

We carry only the purest articles, but establish prices—lower than the same qualities can be sold for elsewhere. You need only make comparisons here—Prices and Quality—and we will hold your grocery trade. We also make a specialty of STOCK FEED OF ALL KINDS

**CALDWELL
BROS.**

602-604 East Sixth Street
Both Phones 223

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 03 Mar 1912: 12.

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 23 Apr 1912: 8.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Estate of W. F. Caldwell, Deceased,
in the County Court of Travis County,
Texas, No. 4388, July Term, A. D.
1916.

Whereas, letters testamentary upon the Estate of W. F. Caldwell, Deceased, was granted in the County Court of Travis County, Texas, on July 8th, 1916, and Lee H. Caldwell, whose post-office address is No. 600 East Sixth Street, Austin, Texas, was appointed Executor of said Estate, and this is a notice requiring all persons having claims against the Estate of W. F. Caldwell, Deceased, the testator, to present the same to said Lee H. Caldwell, Executor of said Estate, for allowance and payment, within the time prescribed by law.

LEE H. CALDWELL,
Executor.

The Austin Statesman (1916-1916); Austin, Tex.. 10 Aug 1916: 7.

MURCHISON-LEE STOCK DAMAGED

Fire Breaks Out in the
Union Hall Above
Grocery.

Practically the entire stock of the Murchison-Lee Grocery Company, at Fifth and San Jacinto, was damaged by water Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock when fire broke out in the Trade Council hall on the second floor of the same building. Nearly everything not contained in cans or buckets, Mr. Murchison said Tuesday, was practically ruined. Half a car of flour was reduced to dough. The grocery stock was estimated at \$10,000 and \$12,000 insurance was carried on stock and fixtures. Tom B. Walling, owner of the building, stated that he carried \$6000 insurance, which would not cover the loss.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES AUSTIN TRADES COUNCIL.

A special meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock sharp tomorrow night at 600 East Sixth Street to take action in regard to the fire of Monday night. The Carpenters are also notified that their meeting will be held at the same place at 8 o'clock.

C. F. KIRK, President
SAM T. HILL, Secretary.

The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 10 July 1917: 8.

The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 10 July 1917: 8.

RED CROSS "RUMMAGE" SALE PLAN

A "rummage" sale which the Red Cross is to start Dec. 8 at 602 East Sixth Street is expected not only to yield considerable money for the organization, but be the means of supplying many worthy people with good clothing at economical prices.

Max Hirschfeld has donated the building for the sale and numerous women will solicit suitable articles from their neighbors to be sold. Clothes for women and children especially are desired, boys' suits being especially in demand.

Everybody is asked to look through their attic and send to the Red Cross all garments that are not strictly needed. The following women have been designated by the chapter to enlist the aid of their several churches and organizations:

The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 05 Dec 1917: 6.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
GROCERY SPECIALS**

**Here You Will Find Just a Few of Our
Leaders for the Week-End.**

We Save You Money Every Day

35c Del Monte Ketchup	29c	20c Yellow Free Peaches in Syrup— at	14c
\$1.35 Can "1869" Coffee.	\$1.09	10c Delicious Potted Meats	5c
2 Bars Floating Bath Soap	5c	Finest, Fresh Country Butter and Eggs. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.	
Fresh Bread	7c		

H & H COFFEE TODAY

TRAVIS MERCANTILE CO.

600 East Sixth Phone 9193

LIQUOR PERMITS GRANTED
Steve Heffington, Assessor-Collector

Package store: Charlie's store (H. L. Porterfield, Jr.) 403 West 23rd street.
Wine and beer retailers: Walter Wu-kauch, 2270 Guadalupe street; D. W. Schmidt, 110 Congress avenue; Frenchy's Place, 322 East First street; Elbert Madison, 400 East Sixth street; Frank Daprano, 600 East Sixth street; Charles Hamby, 710 East Sixth street; Mrs. O. D. Hornsby, 203 Red River street; Fred

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 28 Mar 1924: 5.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 03 Jan 1936: 10.

Exterminator Firms Bitten

Salesman Turns Out to Be Forger

Two insect exterminating companies fell victim to a "salesman"-forger, losing \$5 each to the man, police were notified Friday.

The man obtained employment both at the Austin Exterminating company, 600 East Sixth street; and the Alamo Exterminating company, 411 East Fourth street, according to the stories told police by officials of those two companies.

Then he turned in checks for \$250, drawn on two Austin business men, obtained a \$5 "commission" on each of the "exterminating contracts" he claimed to have sold the two men, and disappeared. The \$250 checks were bogus.

Also police reports showed, the man left the boarding house, where he had been staying, without paying his bill there.

Marble Machines Seized by Police

City police Tuesday had seized four marble machines and filed a charge of exhibiting a gaming device against four persons in county court.

The complaints, filed by City Det. T. O. Lang, named Tom Hashem, 1400 South Congress; Henry Hudson, 601 Barton Springs road; Ira White, Longhorn Tavern, 3510 Guadalupe; and Ray Gonzalez, Monterrey Cafe, 600 East Sixth.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 16 May 1941: 12.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Nov 1942: 10.

Other applications approved were a driving permit to Norman Cooper, 2008 Holly; permits to operate taxicabs to Oscar Ira Leach, 300 Congress, J. P. Heath, 1007 Nueces, L. G. Day, Route 2, Box 453, and E. M. Powell, 305 Willow; retail package store permit to Mary Jabour, 514 East Sixth; wine and beer retailers permit to J. L. Joseph, 600 East Sixth; and a wholesale beer distributor's permit to Mary Jabour, 415 East Sixth.

LEGALS

110—LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS hereby given that the partnership between Syd Meyers and Morris Lasky under the firm name of Austin Auto Supply Company was dissolved as of May 1, 1948. All debts due to the said partnership are to be paid and those due from the same discharged at 600 East 6th Street, City of Austin, Texas, where the business will be continued by said Morris Lasky, under the same firm name of Austin Auto Supply Co.

SYD MEYERS.
MORRIS LASKY.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Aug 1944: 9.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 May 1948: 8B.

Police Questioning Store Prowler

Police Monday were questioning a 24-year-old man arrested Sunday in the Austin Auto Supply Company, 600 East Sixth Street.

Patrolmen surrounded the store after a neighbor reported seeing a man climb through a second floor window from the top of an awning.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 14 Apr 1952: 18.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS! Austin Auto Supply

(DOWNTOWN LOCATION)

AUTO PARTS HEADQUARTERS

For 25 Years at 600 East 6th St.

HAS MOVED TO 607 RED RIVER

Phone GR 7-6115

OPEN EVERY WEEK DAY—OPEN SUNDAY TIL NOON

No. 2 Northside Store — 5134 Burnet Road
Phone GL 2-7693 — OPEN WEEK DAYS ONLY.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 13 Mar 1963: A28.

Permits

Hirshfeld Est.

600 E. 6th St.

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Original City

repair awning

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